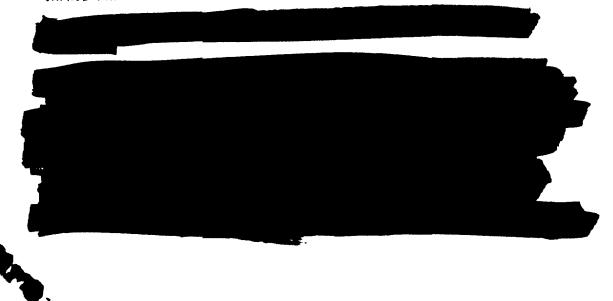


CRITICISM OF THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND COMES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FROM EXTREME RIGHT WING ELEMENTS THAT ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE DEJEMBER REORGANIZATION OF KEY COMMAND AND STAFF POSITION WITHIN THE SALVADORAN ARMY.

NOT CONCERNED ABOUT SUCH CRITICUSM BECAUSE OF ITS SOURCE. BLANDON ADMITS THAT THERE MAY BE A FEW ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OFFICERS WHO MIGHT AGREE WITH THE CRITICISMS BUT HE FEELS THESE INDIVIDUALS REPRESENT A SMALL MINORITY OF THE SALVADORAN OFFICER CORPS WHO ARE NOT ACTIVELY INSTIGATING DISSENT AGAINST THE HIGH COMMAND.

BLANDON FEELS THERE
HAS BEEN NO MAJOK INTEREST FOR OR AGAINST THE CONTINUED DETENTION
OF FORMER CAPTAIN EDUARDO ((AVILA)) AVILA EITHER WITHIN THE SALVADORAN
ARMED FORCES OR BY THE SALVADORAN PUBLIC AS A WHOLE. BLANDON NOTED
THAT HE HAS RECEIVED PERSONAL WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM AMOST
ALL MAJOR MILITARY COMMANDERS FOR ACTIONS PERTAINING TO AVILA'S
DETENTION. THE GIST OF THESE COMMENTS HAVE BEEN THAT AVILA'S
IMPRISONMENT IS APPROPRIATE.



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